

# PAUL'S MINISTRY STYLE

## 1 Thessalonians 2:1-10

1 Th 2:1 Our visit was worth it.

1 Th 2:2 Paul and Silas beaten and humiliated in Philippi.

Still came to preach ..... *shamefully entreated*...boldly preached same to you even though received opposition

**Paul's ministry style**

### 1. Impartial

### 2. Pure Motives

1 Th 2:3 *Exhortation:* Advise, argument, appeal, challenge, teachings

*Was not of deceit:* not spring from error, fraudulence, or delusion.

*Uncleaness:* impure motives

*Guile:* craft, deceit, subtlety.

Wiersbe: *Spiritual witnessing and 'Christian salesmanship' are different. Salvation does not lie at the end of a clever argument or a subtle presentation. It is the result of God's Word and the power of the Holy Spirit.*

1 Th 2:4 God allowed us to be put in trust with the gospel.

Gal 1:11-12; 1 Cor 4:1

*Even so we speak...* haven't changed our message ... desire to please God

### 3. Consistent message

Always shooting straight. Audience is God.

Things that should not distract

1. Size
2. Response
3. Amount of honorarium

1 Th 2:5 *didn't try to flatter you with words or fake friendship*

### 4. Genuine Relationships

*Flattery:* Excessive and insincere compliments given in order to gain an advantage Psa 12:1-3

Flattery-external

Praise-internal Prov. 20:19; 26:28; 28:23; 29:5

*Cloak of Covetousness:* Pretense to cover over greedy motives.

## 5. Unassuming Expectations

1 Th 2:6 We weren't glory-seekers

## 6. Kind Treatment

1 Th 2:7 *Gentle*: mild and kind.

*Cherisheth her children*...2 Tim 2:24 Titus 3:2 Prov 16:6

## 7. Sacrificial Love

1 Th 2:8 *Affectionately desirous of you*: Special word of affection used in the nursery

## 8. Hard Work

1 Th 2:9

*Labour*: toil which induces fatigue

*Travail*: Toil as a hardship.

*Chargeable*: Heavy upon, expensive, a burden towards...

1 Tim 5:17-18

## 9. Integrity

1 Th 2:10

*Holily*: piously, as men separated unto God and His service.

*Justly*: righteously, Doing right according to the Word of God

*Unblameably*: In an irreproachable manner.

## So what?

### What is your style of ministry?

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2. Motives
4. Relationships
5. Expectations
6. Kind Treatment
7. Sacrificial Love
8. Hard Work
9. Integrity